



STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
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As you may know, the current mining proposal AB 1 is virtually identical to the bill from the last legislative session, known as AB 426. Once again, it appears that some legislators feel that corporate profits are more important than clean drinking water for our children, protection of pristine and irreplaceable wildlife habitat and an open and transparent process for granting mining permits. A public hearing on the bill has been set for tomorrow with the Assembly and Senate committees on mining but one outside of Madison has yet be scheduled. This is not the way to conduct business or create jobs.

In response to the many issues and concerns raised by AB 1, Senator Cullen recently introduced an alternative proposal on metallic mining regulation based on the testimony of industry experts, federal and state regulators and environmental advocates. This proposal creates a more collaborative permitting timeline, protects current environmental standards, restores contested case hearings to the process and directs 100% of the mining tax revenue to the area impacted by the mine. In the coming weeks, I will continue to review this proposal as well as AB 1 in order to ensure that whatever bill is passed by the Assembly creates the jobs Wisconsin needs while protecting our environment.

I believe that this time both sides can work together to get a compromise bill passed this session – but the current version of AB 1 is not acceptable. As always, please feel welcome to keep in touch with me on the mining bill or any other legislative issue.

Sincerely,

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